

**COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Board of Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor of the Day Lola Moore called the meeting to order. The following answered roll call:

**MEMBERS:** Kruse, Almoslechner, Salzman, Guidugli and Hogan. Mayor Charlie Cleves presiding.

By Salzman seconded by Kruse to excuse Councilmember Fisher.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that the Minutes of Regular Council on January 10, 2024, are accepted as received. Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** City Attorney Fessler read a correspondence from Cincinnati Police Officer Jonce Tackett. Officer Tackett was contacted by the Campbell County Prosecutor's Office regarding a recent arrest made by Bellevue's Officer Bonar. He could not be more complimentary of Officer Bonar and his thoroughness of the case. Due to the preparation and excellent work by Officer Bonar, the defendant plans to make a plea of guilty.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Police Chief Jon McClain announced the first Officer of the Year Award. Chief McClain presented Officer Bonar with Officer of the Year Award for 2023.

Chief McClain also announced an award to honor community members who have supported the Bellevue Police Department. The 2023 Community Partnership Award went to two Kroger Employees – Michael Peacock, former Bellevue store manager, and Regina Lorenzo Hernandez, head of the stores' Customer Promise Team.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Kruse that the following claims be paid:

General Fund	(46)	\$	202,356.07
General Fund (1/31/24)	(12)		13,606.77
Capital Improvement Fund	(1)		2,300.00
Municipal Road Aid	(2)		7,241.99
Port Bellevue Fund	(1)		179.31

Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Councilmember Kruse announced that Art in the Park will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. Call to Artist.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

Cincinnati Business Courier named Bellevue the best market for First Time Homebuyers in Greater Cincinnati by a new analysis on Realtors.com.

Winter Carnival is February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bellevue Birthday Party, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Callahan Center. Free for families with a lot of activities.

St. Patrick's Day festivities will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Bellevue bars and restaurants will be open early.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Police Chief Jon McClain reported on the following:

2023 Annual Report can be found on the Bellevue Police Department Facebook page or on the City's website.

Officers are continuing to attend trainings.

The department will be providing 'Popcorn with Police' at the Winter Carnival.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Fire Chief Chris Adkins was absent. Report is in the packet.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Code Enforcement Director Tom McDaniel stated his report is provided in the packet.

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Engineer's report is provided in the packet.

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Public Services Foreman Rick Mallery stated his report is provided in the packet.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

City Administrator Frank Warnock reported on the following:

City leaders and department heads met on Saturday for the annual visioning session. City Administrator Warnock stated it was one of the best we've had; there was a lot of positive energy and good thoughts. Councilmember Salzman thanked Warnock, under Mayor Cleves leadership for the visioning sessions, stating we hold the public interest at the forefront. He appreciates the city administration for lifting them up and allowing the council to advocate for the public. Councilmember Guidugli states there is a lot of talk on social media about the covert run project. Remind

the public that this is currently in the design phase; this is a three-year project.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

John Chamberlin from Chamberlin Owen & Co., Inc., presented the annual FY23 audit to Council. Mr. Chamberlin advised they found no issues with internal controls or compliance. A uniform guidance audit was required due to exceeding the expenditure of federal funds. Under this audit, there were no questioned costs but two findings – (1) no written policies or procedures, (2) lack of internal controls over financial reporting. A management letter was provided to administrative leaders with five recommendations. Because of this recommendation, City Administrator Warnock and City Clerk/Treasurer Jenkins met with a banker and the city will now be receiving 4.4% interest on our money, an increase of .4%. The general operating fund was not receiving any interest prior to this meeting, which will now get 4.4% on roughly \$3.6 mil.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Terry Hatton invited council/support staff to his campaign kickoff party at the Vets on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Also stated fish fry will start in February.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

Charlie Zimmerman asked for clarification on the proposed new business Ordinance 2024-02-01.

**MOTION:**

By Kruse seconded by Salzman that Ordinance § 2024-01-01 an Ordinance regulating backyard chickens in the City of Bellevue, Kentucky. VOTE: Yes 5 No 0. Motion carried. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

City Attorney Fessler read Ordinance 2024-02-01 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2016-09-01 pertaining to the establishment of a development area for economic development purposes within the City to be known as the Bellevue Improvement District Development Area.

**FOR THE RECORD:**

City Attorney Fessler read Ordinance 2024-02-02 an ordinance extending the time when distilled spirits, wine and malt beverage may be sold at retail in the City of Bellevue on any Saint Patrick's Day that occurs on a Sunday.

**MOTION:**

By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2024-02-01 an order appointing Heather Duncan as a member of the City of Bellevue Tree Commission to fill a vacancy.

**MOTION:** By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2024-02-02 an order approving the purchase of energy efficient light and authorizing Mayor Charlie Cleves to execute documents necessary to effectuate the transaction with Wildan Energy Co.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Guidugli that Order 2024-02-03 an order authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Cities of Bromley, Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Dayton, Silver Grove, Campbell County Fiscal Court, OKI RCG, and Southbank Partners to continue planning, and designing of the Riverfront Commons Raise Project.

**MOTION:** By Salzman seconded by Kruse that Order 2024-02-04 an order approving an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet related to the Covert Run Sidewalk Project (“Project”) for the use of \$148,000 in SNK federal funds.

**MOTION:** By Salzman seconded by Guidugli that Order 2024-02-05 an order approving an agreement with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet related to the Fairfield Avenue Improvement Project.

**MOTION:** By Salzman seconded by Kruse that Order 2024-02-06 an order approving a contract modification agreement and memorandum of agreement terms and conditions (“Agreement”) with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management (“Commonwealth”) related to the FEMA Bellevue Hillside Stabilization Project.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Salzman that Order 2024-02-07 an order approving an agreement with Neyer Properties, Inc. (“Neyer”) to extend the deadline from January 31, 024, to April 30, 2024, to allow Neyer to submit plans and documents related to Riverfront Development in the City of Bellevue.

**MOTION:** By Kruse seconded by Salzman to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Mayor, Charlie Cleves

**ATTEST:**

Lindy Jenkins  
City Clerk/Treasurer